



Order of Worship

***Greeting/
Announcements***
Charles Griffin

Children's Time
Justin Hatfield

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#585 (v.1,2 4)
"Father God"

Prayer
Brendan Carroll

#495

The Lord's Supper
Larry Baggett

#141

Contribution
Matt Keener

"Ancient Words"
#237

Message
Bill McFarland

#336

Prayer
Jerry Young

"Make Me a Servant"



Making Good Use of Life

How do you go about living well? What are the first steps anyone could take toward making the best possible use of his or her life? Why do some end up with more successful outcomes than others? This seems like a good time of the year to ask.

And the three stories Jesus tells in Matthew 25 seem like a good place to look for answers. They're told in the decisive hour of his own life, but each addresses a factor that's decisive in every life. Taken together, they set forth three guiding principles for successful living.

First, prepare yourself (v.1-10). All ten girls wanted to go with the bridegroom into the marriage feast, but the wise got themselves ready for it, while the foolish expected someone else to have done it for them. Where's the main place you want to go in your life? Focus on getting your own self ready to go there.

Second, use what you have (v.14-30). Three fellows were entrusted with things to use, each according to his ability. None had the same amount, but each had the same opportunity, and all were accountable to the owner. The good and faithful ones use what they had; the wicked and slothful one buried it. What talent do you have and what door is open to you? Do your best with it.

Third, be good to the people around you (v.31-46). Treat them like you would treat the Lord. If you want to inherit his kingdom, identify with people like the Lord did, and serve like he did. Get in the habit of noticing the ordinary needs in the lives of your neighbors in the normal arenas of your life, and of just doing what you can to help without it seeming like any big deal to you. You'll be blessed.

Jesus told other judgment stories that also matter (those in Matthew 13, for example). But the big points of these three little illustrations are great starting places for making good use of our lives.

-Bill McFarland

Marsolf Pounding

Last day August 29th

There is one more week left to bring any items that you were planning on giving.

Next Sunday, August 29th, will be the last day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8-22 Donna Jordan
8-24 Michael Loomis
8-24 Shelby Epperly
8-25 Les Horton
8-25 Molly Thurlkill
8-26 Billie Luna
8-26 Sandra Pingenot
8-27 Carolyn Smith
8-28 Dean Kirk
8-28 Eli Griffin
8-31 Cambre Thrasher

The next youth led service will be
Sunday night August 29th

This month's word is SOVEREIGNTY.



Continued prayers for health:

Tom Meeks, Steven Cobb (Aubrey & Anita's son), **Becky Marsolf, Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Raines, Sheryl Low, Pat Blackburn, Tom Davis, Debbie Crawford, Robert Raines** (Denzil & Ruith's son), **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **David High** (Lucile High's son), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Betty Grabber, Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **Truman & Helen Coltrane, Beverly Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harber's mom)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Truman Coltrane is in the hospital. They are hoping that he will get to come home in a day or two.

Karen Duncan is doing a little better everyday.

Illene Birdsong is having trouble with her ears and is waiting to get in to see a doctor.

Happy Anniversary

8-28 Lynn & Gloria Luallin - 50 years
8-30 Randy & Susie Cox - 8 years
8-31 Don & Ruth Essex - 65 years

Sunday Night

August 22nd

End of Summer, Back to School Cook Out!

Join us for a cook out Sunday night the 22nd at 6pm after our evening time together. We'll meet under the trees in the side yard area by the Hatfield's house. Bring your lawn chairs! We'll have games, hamburgers and hotdogs, drinks and chips! Use the following link to RSVP if you didn't sign up at the information desk.

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Shut-Ins

Barbara Barnes
Pat Blackburn
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney
Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Jim & Ruth Reaves
Dennis & Carolyn Smith
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider

September 5th

PROMOTION SUNDAY!

THIS WEEK...

- ◆ We will have a **Devotional Sunday**, August 15th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Cookout** following the devotional.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on August 26th at 10:30, Helen Harber will be teaching the 5th Lesson from the book "A Study of Angels" by Edward P. Myers, PhD.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

Do not grow weary in doing good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13



We extend our sympathy to the Luna family in the loss of Jason's uncle, Ronald Luna. Graveside services were held Saturday at the Gainesville Cemetery.